

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7024

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary on their 65th anniversary, and to urge Tennesseans to remain vigilant on the water as part of America's Waterway Watch Program.

WHEREAS, because there are more than 95,000 miles of shoreline, 290,000 square miles of water, and 70 million recreational boats in the United States, the members of this General Assembly urge all Tennesseans to join with the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Department of Homeland Security in supporting the America's Waterways Watch (AWW) initiative, a program to encourage America's waterfront users and boating public to be on alert and to report suspicious and unusual activity on or in the vicinity of waterfront areas; and

WHEREAS, we also honor and commend the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard, on the occasion of their sixty-fifth anniversary, and we heartily applaud them for their many years of meritorious service as America's premier volunteer lifesavers; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain unwavering around-the-clock support of Coast Guard missions, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has consistently grown in size and responsibility since its inception; Auxiliary forces now include nearly 36,000 members, more than 5,000 surface vessels, and nearly 300 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, one of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's newest undertakings in maritime awareness is the America's Waterway Watch (AWW) program; this important initiative teaches America's recreational boaters how to properly identify and report suspicious maritime activity for the benefit of our nation's safety and security; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Auxiliary reminds all Tennesseans to remain watchful and to report potential terrorist-related activities on and around Tennessee's rivers, lakes, marinas, locks, and dams; and

WHEREAS, for over sixty-five years of proud service, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has played a vital role in safeguarding America's ports and waterways; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we urge Tennessee's waterfront users and boating public to support America's Waterways Watch program by remaining alert and reporting suspicious and unusual activity on or in the vicinity of our State's waterfront areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor and congratulate the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary on the occasion of their sixty-fifth anniversary and commend the members of the Auxiliary for their many exceptional accomplishments throughout their long history of dedicated service as America's Volunteer Lifesavers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.